

REMARKS

Claims 1-177 are pending in the above-identified patent application.

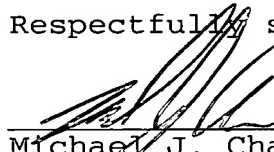
The Examiner has found that there are allegedly two distinct inventions in the above-identified patent application and has required restriction to one of those inventions, as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-44, 60-103, and 119-162; and
Group II: Claims 45-59, 104-118, and 163-177.

Applicants elect without traverse, for examination in this application, the invention of Group I (Claims 1-44, 60-103, and 119-162).

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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